GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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DECENTRALISATION OF FOODGRAIN PROCUREMENT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had approved decentralised procurement of maize during Kharif season, 2000 in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) if so, whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has urged the Union Governmentto procure maize in Rabi season under `Decentralised Procurement Programme`;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the quantity of maize is likely to be procured by the Government in the Rabi season from Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a): In a meeting held on 31.10.2000 with the delegation of State Ministers and Members of Parliament from Andhra Pradesh, it was decided that Andhra Pradesh State Civil SuppliesCorporation would procure upto 1 lakh tonnes of Maize for distribution through Public Distribution System. Accordingly, a quantity of 42,919 MTs of maize has been procured in the State during the Kharif Marketing Season, 2000-2001. AP MARKFED was provided a loan of Rs.3.00 cores by the Food Corporation of India for procurement of maize for Central Pool.

(b),(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, in his letter dated 10.4.2001mentioned that an amount of Rs. 8.50 crores would be required for procurement of 15,000 MTs of maize and FCI may be requested to release an amount of Rs. 5.00 coreres to AP MARKEFED for the procurement operations.

As there was no demand for maize under the PDS, it was decided to dispose of the same in the open market. Hence, it was not found feasible to accede to the request of the State Government. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been informed accordingly.